(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has since investigated the e-governance project of the University Grants Commission (UGC);

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether any procedural irregularities have been found in awarding of the project to a particular firm; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps Government has taken/proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the investigation report has not so far been received by them from the Central Vigilance Commission.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Targets under RGGVY

*292. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the target under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), to provide electricity to 50,000 villages in the country;

(b) if so, how many villages were electrified till September, 2008, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that only six per cent target has been achieved so far under the above scheme;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for slow work under the scheme; and

(e) the action being taken in this regard, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) The Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) aims at electrification of 1,15,000 un-electrified villages. The implementing agencies have reported that rural electrification works have been carried out to electrify 53,048 un-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 66,808 villages in the country under RGGVY as on 01.12.2008.

State-wise and year-wise progress of village electrification under RGGVY till September 2008 is given in the Statement (*See* below). The implementing agencies have reported electrification of 50,940 un-electrified villages as on 30th September 2008. They have also reported that intensive electrification of 61,375 already electrified villages have been carried out under RGGVY as on 30th September 2008.

(d) The performance of RGGVY in some States has been slow because of the following reasons:

- Delay in receipt of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).
- Delay in finalization of BPL lists by some states.
- Delay in forest clearance.
- Delays in land acquisition for 33/11 KV sub-stations.
- Limited number of good agencies available for execution of turnkey contracts.

- Very high rates quoted by contracting agencies.
- Shortage of material like poles etc. and high prices.
- Delays in issuance of road permit and way bills by the States.
- Delays by State Utilities in taking over of physical assets created by Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).
- Delays in issuance of Panchayat Certificates for village electrification.
- Lack of awareness among villagers for taking new connections.
- Very poor upstream rural electricity infrastructure in some states.
- Delay or refusal to waive state and local taxes on line materials by some states.
- Difficult terrain in some states and floods.

(e) For effective implementation of RGGVY, the following steps have been taken:

- Government of India has set up an inter-Ministerial Monitoring Committee which periodically meets to sanction projects and review progress of implementation.
- States have been advised to set up district committees to monitor the progress of rural electrification works. Most of the states have notified formation of district committees.
- The Government of India as also Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the nodal agency for RGGVY, conduct frequent review meetings with all the stakeholders; the concerned State Governments, state power utilities and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme on the agreed schedules.
- For speedier and effective implementation of projects, their execution has been taken up on turnkey basis.
- To ensure qualitative execution of rural electrification works, a three tier quality control mechanism has been enforced under RGGVY.
- Grant amount of BPL connection has been enhanced to Rs.2200/- from Rs. 1500/-.
- To take care of the cost escalation, cost norms for village electrification have been revised upward.
- National Workshop was organized in collaboration with IEEMA to ensure timely supply of materials.
- Fund flow has been streamlined by use of e-transfer, to avoid parking of funds.
- Chief Ministers and Chief Secretaries of State Governments have been requested to constitute Coordination Committee under chairmanship of Chief Secretary to address state level issues for expeditious implementation of the scheme.

Statement

State-wise no. of villages wherein RE works have reportedly carried out under RGGVY

As on 30.09.08

Sl. No.	State	During 2005-06			During 2006-07			During 2007-08			During 2008-09			Cumulative (up to 30.09.2008)		
		Electri-fied	Un-electrified	Total	Electri-fied	Un-electrified	Total	Electri-fied	Un-electrified	Total	Electri-fied	Un-electrified	Total	Electri-fied	Un-electrified	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	5614	0	5614	8729	0	8729	14343	0	14343
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	84	259	116	118	234	291	202	493
4.	Bihar	0	1600	1600	0	8415	8415	0	3347	3347	0	394	394	0	13756	13756
5.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0	619	1259	1878	846	1417	2263	1465	2676	4141
6.	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Gujarat	0	0	0	625	0	625	622	0	622	8	0	8	1255	0	1255
8.	Haryana	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	656	0	656	671	0	671
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	45	45	0	45
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	0	169	118	0	118	287	0	287
11.	Karnataka	350	47	397	8000	0	8000	9113	0	9113	2389	0	2389	19852	47	19899
12.	Kerala	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
13.	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	15	65	1282	6	1288	1332	21	1353
14.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	296	0	296	562	0	562	858	0	858
15.	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	0	0	1080	0	1080	1960	0	1960	3040	0	3040
16.	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	36	49	19	40	59	32	76	108
17.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	32	69	37	32	69
18.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	Orissa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233	258	491	233	258	491
21.	Punjab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Rajasthan	0	230	230	570	765	1335	7849	633	8482	2443	8	2451	10862	1636	12498
23.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	0	7503	7503	0	16620*	16620*	448	2862	3310	665	414	1079	1113	27399	28512
27.	Uttaranchal	0	87	87	2332	798	3130	2898	341	3239	429	98	527	5659	1324	6983
28.	West Bengal	0	352	352	0	2108	2108	0	724	724	0	329	329	0	3513	3513
29.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	350	9819	10169	11527	28706	40233	28961	9301	38262	20537	3114	23651	61375	50940	112315